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**STEEL PLATE OR STEEL PIPE WITH SMALL  
OCCURRENCE OF BAUSCHINGER EFFECT  
AND METHODS OF PRODUCTION OF SAME**

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Sir:

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2. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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